

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Chief, CODIB Support Staff

DATE: 8 November 1966

FROM : DIAMS-4

SUBJECT: CODIB Support Staff Proposed USIB FPCS (1) Statistical and Evaluation
Questionnaire and (2) Statistical and Operating Information

1. The DIA ADPS Center has reviewed the proposed questionnaire and request for operating information and does not concur with the requirements as stated therein for the following reasons:

a. The value of the requested statistics as a basis for evaluating the usefulness of the File and Program Catalog System is questionable;

b. The added workload for DIA would be difficult to justify;

c. The reporting requirements are oriented too heavily toward the contributor as opposed to the user of the catalogs. DIA believes that a great deal of use will be made of the file catalogs by organizations which do not themselves maintain automated files but wish to take advantage of those data files which are automated.

3. DIA recommends that an evaluation of the catalog consist of an annual letter sent by each USIB member to CODIB, commencing one year after the issuance of the first catalogs. This letter should summarize the benefits derived from the catalogs during the preceding year, identify the specific uses of the catalogs, and discuss any deficiencies or recommendations for improvement.

3. The value of the catalogs will be in direct proportion to the extent of participation. If only 12 or 15 descriptions are included from each organization, valid conclusions on effectiveness of the system cannot be drawn.

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DIA Member, CODIB

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